

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Moss S8988

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State of Virginia New Kent County to wit

On this 13th day of May 1818 personally appeared in open Court before William H Macon, Robert Graves, Beverly Crump, Jones R Christian & Thomas Macon the Court of New Kent County now sitting Samuel Moss a resident of the County of New Kent and State of Virginia aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, That he first entered under Captain Lyddal Bacon of the County of New Kent Virginia the Colonel was Richmond Allen of said County and State on the 4th day of January 1781 at Providence Forge in the said County and after remaining there eight or ten days was marched to the Long Bridges in said County where some of the regular troops were stationed under the command of General Nelson and Major Ragsdale (during Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion), thence he was marched under Captain Jos. Holt [probably Josiah Holt] to the City of Williamsburg and thence to Hampton Virginia where several of the boats or barges of the enemy were taken when sent ashore for the purpose of plundering and that on the 19th of March 1781 or thereabout he returned he [sic] home. That he served a short tour of duty in a troop of horse commanded by Captain Bacon. – That he again entered the service the 30th of June 1781 under Lieutenant Jacob Vaiden commanded by Colonel Richardson [probably Holt Richardson] and was marched to Malvern Hills in the County of Henrico Virginia, thence to the Brook Bridge about seven miles above Richmond Virginia, thence to New Castle in Hanover County Virginia – thence to the Brick House in New Kent County Virginia on York River and thence to the Counties of King & Queen, Gloucester and Middlesex Virginia in which last named County he was discharged on or about the 9th of September 1781. That he was at different times during his last enlistment under Colonel Taylor and Ennis – that after being discharged he returned home and was immediately marched to York Town Virginia where he remained with the Army until the end of the Siege of York [October 19, 1781] – That he resided in the County of New Kent Virginia when he entered the service – he was drafted from the militia of the County – he was in no battle – he has before stated where he was marched – the first time he was called into service he was with the Continental Army at the Long Bridges in New Kent County Virginia and that General Nelson was in command & that there was at that station he Major Ragsdale – that when he was over and King & Queen &c with the militia that he was attached to the 2nd Regiment of Virginia militia commanded by Colonels Taylor and Goodale – that he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharge that he knows of no person living in the County except

William Ladd¹ & James Williams² who knew the fact of his having served in the Army.
To the first Interrogatory – he answers – that he was born in the year 1764 in the County of New Kent Virginia.

2nd interrogatory – He has a record of his age which he exhibits to the court and is in these words and figures "Saml Moss the son of Samuel & Elizabeth was born May the 23rd, 1784"

3rd Interrogatory – That he lived in the County of New Kent State of Virginia when called into service, that he has lived in said County and state since the Revolutionary War and that he still lives in said County and State.

To the 4th Interrogatory – he answers – That he was drafted from the militia of the State.

5th Interrogatory – He recollects the names of General Nelson and Major Ragsdale of the regular Troops – that he served in the 2nd Regiment Virginia militia –

6th Interrogatory – That he did receive a discharge from the service, that it was signed by Colonel Taylor as he believes and that he has lost the same.

7th – That he is known to William Ladd and James Williams who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and further that William H Macon the presiding member of the Court will also testify as to his character and his belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Saml Moss



[James Clopton, a clergyman, William Ladd and James Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p. 6: The veteran gave further testimony that he served in 1781 four different tours as a private amounting to not less than seven months and for the amount of service he claimed a pension.]

[Facts in file: veteran died September 24, 1843 survived by a widow (not named); the file contains no reference to any children of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA W8079

² [James Williams W6506](#)